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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [001] with the following amended paragraph:

[001] The primary design feature behind this magnetic rake is the ability to be used for two functions, raking and magnetic pick up at the same time. The magnetic rake is a hand-operated magnetic raking device that comprises a housing with a magnet or magnets placed inside. Using a non-magnetic alloy such as aluminum, the body 1 is extruded into a convenient length to be used for the particular application. For instance a length of 14 inches is ideal for clean up around existing shrubbery. In some embodiments, the body 1 is cylindrical in shape. Teeth 2 are formed in the extrusion by machining, stamping, cutting, etc. to help with agitation of the soil. A handle sleeve 4 is attached to the extrusion in a process, most likely welding 5 in a fashion to provide strength during use. A handle is mounted to the handle sleeve 4 to provide for easy push/pull use of the magnetic rake. Although an inserted handle 8 is shown, a non removable handle could be welded on as well. Having a removable handle 8 serves a dual purpose, allowing replacement at a later date as well as economical shipping cost. This handle could be attached with a mechanical system 6 through a hole 7 in both the handle sleeve 4 and the handle 8. A magnet 3 is placed inside of the extrusion 1 which will

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provide the magnetic attraction to the ferro-metallic items to be picked up.

A square magnet 3 is shown but a variety of shapes can be used.

Please replace paragraph [002] with the following amended paragraph:

[002] This device fills a void in the marketplace for a midsized magnetic pick up tool. The smaller wand type devices are just waved or lightly dragged over the ground in an attempt to pick up ferro-metallic items. Although effective in very tight quarters these devices cannot agitate the soil or other ground cover enough to consistently pick up the dangerous ferro-metallic items. The other option in performing this task is the larger wheeled pick up devices. These are viable options when sweeping larger smooth surfaces clean of ferro-metallic items, but they are unable to get in around shrubbery and other tight areas to retrieve the ferro-metallic items. The magnetic rake submitted here can perform the job of both mentioned items very well. The magnetic rake can be used inverted with the teeth facing up along smooth surfaces to pick up ferro-metallic particles without agitation.